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A Philippine Policy.

At the meeting of the Philadelphia Academy of Political and Social Science, an association which has attempted in vain to establish principles of human action in the social state, Mr. Schurz and other anti-imperialists became hysterical and renewed their warnings of national disaster as a result of the retention of the Philippines.

What impression they made we do not know, but probably such as they may have made at the Saratoga conference, where they talked for two days against expansion, and their hearers voted almost solidly in favor of resolutions approving the President's expansion policy. Before the Philadelphia meeting adjourned there were two sensible and inspiring addresses. Prof. Rowe, of the University of Pennsylvania, showed the excellent quality of his Americanism by affirming his confidence in the ability of this country to do what any other can do, and even more.

He has not the slightest doubt that we shall be able to adopt our standards of government to the needs and possibilities of the inhabitants of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines. He can see no reason to fear that our Government will be too despotic rather than too free. He rose to rags the elaborate arguments of the provincials. He showed that the extension of American rule does not mean equality of political rights. The supreme principle throughout our history has been the maintenance of order and security. To this we subordinate all other political beliefs and principles, and always have. Our only fear in dealing with our new possessions comes from the danger of unduly underestimating customs, traditions, and systems of law which do not conform to the principles of the common law. This danger is greater in the Philippines than in Cuba and Porto Rico.

There is little reason to expect this Government to set up a system of laws for the Philippines constructed for an ideal people. On the contrary, we are entering on an experiment in which existing customs will be changed only where their continuation would be more mischievous than their abolition. We shall learn by early mistakes that we cannot mold the people there like clay, but must allow their own growth in the ideas of civilization to dictate changes. We do not believe there is a more generous and tolerant people on earth than the Filipinos. We have only to consider the history of our immigrants from every quarter and of all degrees of intelligence or ignorance to understand the absence of bigotry and compulsion in our treatment of their customs. Not even under strictly military rule, as in Cuba, has arbitrary authority been used in a way to excite complaint of over-severity.

Worried Republicans.

After talks with Republican politicians, the Washington Tribune concludes that the "New York Tribune" conclusion, that the protracted retention of Secretary Alger, which is "so obviously detrimental to the President's personal interests," is becoming a subject of "deep speculative wonder everywhere and to everybody." It is so. While it is difficult to fix the direct responsibility for the many scandals affecting the War Department, it is clear enough that with an efficient Secretary of War having a proper regard for the interests of the Government, the Army, the President, and the Republican party, none of the things that have increased and shocked the people more than any event in the history of the nation, could ever have happened.

One of the effects of the apparent maladministration of the War Department is noted by the correspondent of the "Tribune"—a weakening of the public confidence in the integrity of military officers. He affirms that this best scandal and the tergiversation it has engendered have struck a deeper blow at the moral status of the army officer than the vast embezzlements of which Captain Carter has been convicted and for which he is still unpunished, or the offenses of the Eagan, Lynders, and others. He observes that there is a good deal of serious talk concerning the War Department that cannot be printed—questions as to whether it is possible under the present system for heads of bureaus to be so entirely irresponsible to the higher powers or the law that an officer of Eagan's stripe may decide vast contracts affecting the very life of the Army, without the knowledge of his department superior, or whether there is a

higher responsibility and Eagan a scapegoat.

There is more than the contracts for meat, which proved impossible as food for the soldiers. It is plain to everybody that what the Court of Engineers has discovered now about the beef rations should have been known to the department at the time. Why was it not known? Where were the inspectors whose business it was to report on the conditions in the Army? In his testimony before the Alger Relief Commission, Inspector General Breckinridge testified that at the outbreak of the war with Spain, an order was issued to all his subordinates not to report to him, but to the Adjutant General. He found his office so useless and idle that he took an active command in the field and his first assistant followed his example. Why such an order should have been issued at the very time the Inspector General's office should have been the greatest of all, we can only guess. One result was that the War Office professed to be ignorant of all complaints; the Adjutant General told a Congressional committee that he knew of no charges of any kind as to privations or neglect or as to the character of the rations. It was not until General Miles appeared before the Alger Relief Commission that anybody in authority had heard of bad beef.

There is a reasonable belief that we are not yet at the bottom of the beef scandal; but whether the responsibility is to be more positively placed or not, there can be no question that the Secretary under whose administration such unparalleled scandal development is not confined to the favor of the President. The fact that the latter interposed to save Eagan from the consequences of his attack on General Miles is a source of very serious distress to loyal Republicans. For the present investigation has proved that the attack was made on an officer who had the courage and conscience to perform his duty in the face of the disapproval of the War Department and apparently of the President himself.

The Tribune asserts that Eagan's brutal demonstration was approved by the War Department from the Secretary down through all the heads of bureaus. This is very bad in the light of the evidence that supports General Miles' charges, and in connection with the President's interposition to save Eagan from punishment it is enough to worry leading Republicans. They are right in assuming that only the retirement of Secretary Alger can put the President in the best light.

The Kind of War.

Ratifications of the Peace Treaty between the United States and Spain will be exchanged at the State Department at two o'clock this afternoon. Then we shall be released from the state of war subsisting between this country and the Kingdom of His Most Christian Majesty, Alfonso. As far as he may be concerned, all will be peace and pleasantness.

But it does not follow, therefore, that we shall immediately if not sooner turn our spears into sugar spoons and our swords into plow-manufacturing shares. The former will be needed to protect Philippine rebellion into submission, and the hats of the latter to slap home treason into decent silence. Still, we shall be completely at peace after two post meridian. See if you or Hessian and Tory agitators try to disturb this peace—but that is another tale, and the American people will be inclined to make it a painful one.

It is strange that well informed Americans like General Breckinridge should fall into the error that we are likely to withdraw from Cuba soon. There has never been any reason to think we should abandon the island until we can leave it in the hands of a stable government. It may take several years, many years, to fit the people for self-government.

The news from the Philippines is encouraging. The plan of campaign arranged for the Lawton-King expedition appears to be sensible, and it may be suspected that it has been dictated by the lessons of failure in the movement on Malolos. We are much mistaken if a general like Wheeler would not have started that adventure by hitting the rebel stronghold in the rear with a flotilla of gunboats and canoes, and then the results might have been more satisfactory.

The publication of the testimony that was taken at the first trial of Captain Dreyfus was intended to prove to the public that he was justly convicted. It has not established that. While it does not show his innocence or make it seem probable, it reveals a lack of regard for the requirements of the law that would cause any court with sufficient authority to release him at once. That court was as predetermined to convict him as the Alger Relief Commission was to whitewash Alger.

Horrible sufferings are reported from the famine region of Russia. Owing to the condition of the roads the Red Cross relief has been delayed, and death is in every household. It suggests the inefficiency of the general government that, although there were forewarnings of the famine, no steps were taken to meet it. As yet the territory and population involved are not as large as in the famine of a few years ago, but then the efforts at relief were greater. The fendish cruelty that kept the food and sold it for their own profit, was the chief cause of the worst suffering of that year.

The investigation of the building department in New York city, although undertaken merely as a political scheme, may show why some of the structures burn like shavings. For years the complaints of corruption in that department have been loud and specific, but as Senator Platt was on friendly terms with the local bosses there was no enquiry.

A Laurel-Crowned Army.

(From the Galveston News.)

Where are the prophets of disaster who declared that while the army was engaged in Cuba, it would not fight in the Philippines; that it would not know how to conduct a campaign in so strange a country; that they would thus be at a serious disadvantage and would suffer serious losses at the hands of the natives? Nothing of the sort has occurred. Our troops have made themselves just as much at home there as on our own Western plains, and have not met with a single vexing problem. They have conducted themselves with the valor in battle and the moderation in peace that was to be expected of all who were the American uniform. And while they have been as much at home there as on our own Western plains, and have not met with a single vexing problem. They have conducted themselves with the valor in battle and the moderation in peace that was to be expected of all who were the American uniform. 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